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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Donald C. Latham
Assistant Secretary for Command, Control,
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Department of Defense

SUBJECT: ASD(C^3I)

Don:

I talked to John Warner who tells me he will see that the ASD(C^3I) requirement is back in the bill.

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William J. Casey

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August 12, 1986

Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is directly concerned with four intelligence-related issues in the conference on H.R. 3622, the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. The four issues are (1) retention of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; (2) the potential reduction in personnel of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Mapping Agency; (3) the elimination of reporting requirements; and (4) the transmission of a national security strategy report. On all these issues, we urge the House conferees to remain with the position taken by the House in adopting H.R. 3622.

The first issue is retention of the existing centralized intelligence role for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (ASD/C^3I). Section 136(b)(5) of Title 10, United States Code, establishes the ASD/C^3I position and assigns as his principal duty the overall supervision of command, control, communications, and intelligence affairs of the Department of Defense. The House version of H.R. 3622 does not change this provision of law. Section 107(1)(C) of the Senate version of the bill would eliminate the statutory ASD/C^3I position. The office of the ASD/C^3I ensures coordinated and effective use of scarce resources to meet the diverse intelligence needs of Department of Defense components and facilitates immensely the intelligence oversight, authorization, and appropriations functions of the Congress. We urge the House conferees to remain with the House position and retain the provision of current law which establishes the ASD/C^3I position.

The second issue of concern is the potential reduction in personnel of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Mapping Agency. Section 117 of the Senate version of H.R. 3622 requires reduction by 15 percent of the personnel assigned to management headquarters activities and support activities in the defense agencies, and a 10 percent reduction in the other personnel of the defense agencies, by the close of Fiscal Year 1988. The House version of the bill contains no similar requirement. We defer to the

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judgment of the conferees on whether the Senate provision is desirable as a general matter, but if the conferees adopt the Senate provision, we urge that it be modified by adding the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Mapping Agency in Section 117(e) as exempt from the reductions, along with the current exemption for the National Security Agency. The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence believes that DIA and DMA cannot perform their essential intelligence and mapping functions -- functions the Congress has pressed them to expand -- if they sustain a 15 percent reduction in their headquarters personnel and a 10 percent cut in their other personnel.

The third issue is the elimination of reporting requirements. Section 503 of both the House and Senate versions of the bill eliminate all reporting requirements levied upon the Department of Defense in Title 10 of the United States Code, or in DoD funding statutes, unless Section 503 specifically cites the reporting requirement as remaining in effect. The two versions of the legislation differ somewhat on the reports retained. The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence urges the conferees to ensure that the final version of this provision retains in force the intelligence-related reporting requirements preserved by Section 503(d)(84) and (85) of the House version of the bill. We emphasize particularly the importance of retaining the formulation of Section 503(d)(84) contained in the House version over the corresponding provision in the Senate version, because only the House formulation preserves the requirement for advance notice to the intelligence committees of Congress of intelligence reprogrammings, transfers and reserve releases in accordance with Title V of the National Security Act of 1947.

The fourth and final issue is the national security strategy report required by the Section 502 of the Senate version of the bill and Section 501 of the House version. The Senate version provides that only the armed services and foreign affairs committees of Congress receive the report; the House version adds to the list of committees receiving the report the intelligence committees. Because of the responsibility of the intelligence committees for ensuring the availability of the resources necessary to support the nation's security strategy, we believe we ought to receive the report.

We appreciate very much your efforts to ensure that the conference reflects the concerns of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bob Stump
Ranking Minority Member

Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman

cc: Honorable William L. Dickinson
Honorable Bill Nichols
Honorable Larry Hopkins

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